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SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY ATTENDANCE AT CINCHELFOR'S ANNUAL
RECEPTION

REF: STATE 152379 (NOTAL)

MILITARY ADDRESSEES FOR POLADS

1. CINCHELFOR, NOW GENERAL BONANOS, ANNUALLY HOSTS RECEPTION
FOR MILITARY ATTACHE COMMUNITY AND OTHER MILITARY IN AREA. THIS
RECEPTION SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT, JULY 16. ALL SEVEN US ATTACHE
OFFICERS PLUS CHJUSMAGG AND FOUR OTHER JUSMAGG OFFICERS INVITED.

2. PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT EVENT WILL BE WELL PUBLICIZED,
PROBABLY ON TV AND IN PRESS. IMPLICATION OF SUCH PUBLICITY
CONCERNING ATTENDANCE U.S. AND OTHER NATO COUNTRY MILITARY
OFFICERS AT SUCH AFFAIR WITH ALL HIGH-RANKING GREEK OFFICERS IN
IMMEDIATE WAKE OF GREEK-DIRECTED COUP D' ETAT ON CYPRUS IS CLEAR.
U.S. MILITARY OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE MIGHT BE WIDELY CONSTRUED AS
U.S. INDIFFERENCE TOWARD ACTION OF GREEK MILITARY, AND EVEN

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PROOF OF U.S. APPROBATION.

3. IN LIGHT OF THIS PROBABLE INTERPRETATION BY BOTH GREEK MILITARY AND PEOPLE OF GREECE (AND POSSIBLY BY ELEMENTS OUTSIDE GREECE), DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER IT WISHES THROUGH EITHER RESTRICTING NUMBER OR RANK OF U.S. ATTENDEES (OR EVEN THROUGH NON-ATTENDANCE) TO CONVEY USG'S DISPLEASURE OF ROLE OF GREEK MILITARY IN CYPRUS EVENTS.

4. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH U.K. EMBASSY, WHICH REPORTED IT WOULD HAVE CONSIDERED LIMITING ATTENDANCE BUT SENIOR OF TWO U.K. ATTACHES OUT OF COUNTRY.

5. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO LIMIT OR ELIMINATE U.S. ATTENDANCE, PLEASE NOTIFY BY FLASH MESSAGE ASAP.
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